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...Year 11, you are amazing!

Although our usual Prom held at Aintree Racecourse was cancelled this year, we did not let that stop us from celebrating with our Year 11 students in all their finery. Instead, we held our first 'Prom on the Lawn' event which took place on Thursday 15 July. Parents of Year 11 students, led by Mrs Charnock and Mrs Cowling, have worked tirelessly over the last few weeks to transform areas of the school campus in order to make it a special occasion for our students. They arrived through a memory walk, had plenty of photo opportunities, including in front of the flower wall, and lots of pizza, ice cream and doughnuts to eat. After a long and difficult year, the sun shone brightly on this resilient group and a great evening was enjoyed by all. We hope to be seeing the majority of them return to us for Sixth Form in September and look forward to starting that new journey with them. To those who may be heading for new adventures, we say a very fond farewell with our heartfelt best wishes for a bright future ahead.

Year 11
Class of 2021



...The end of an era

'Mr O' will be leaving us at the end of the year to head off into the sunset for his retirement. Where on earth do we begin 'saying a few words' about this FHS institution? Always full of good humour, ready with a joke and a smile never too far from his face, Mr O'Shaughnessy is very much part of the fabric of Formby High School. A fantastic teacher, well-respected and loved colleague, and positive mentor to so many young people, he will be truly missed. Good luck, stay in touch and keep up the football on a Saturday afternoon!



THANK YOU, MR O!



...Year 12

Congratulations, Year 12; you have reached the end of such a challenging year and have acquitted yourselves admirably. You have shown maturity, composure and resourcefulness in everything you have done. Now look forward with confidence and optimism as we return to a degree of normality back in the Sixth Form Centre with the consolation of regular hot chocolates and toasties to get you through the day. Mrs Grant, Mr Rigby and I will no longer be on the Sixth Form Team but know that that our successors will look after you well. It has been a great privilege to have known you and worked with you. Good luck for the future – it is going to be bright! Mr O, Mr Rigby and Mrs Grant.

...Year 10

What a year it has been, Year 10! Undoubtedly, you have been one of the the most affected year groups in terms of self-isolations, with many of you having had to endure more than seven this year. Despite all of this, you have supported each other, shown maturity beyond your years and made all your teachers and support staff very, very proud of the way you have risen to every challenge. You will return in September wearing your Year 11 ties, being the most senior of the main school students. What a shining example to the younger students you are! Miss MacDougall.

...Year 9

Congratulations, Year 9, in making to the end of this very difficult year. We have all had tremendous challenges to overcome and, for the most part, have done so with great 'spirit' and enthusiasm. Enjoy the break; you all deserve it. Mr Gallagher.

...Year 8

Well done, Year 8, for all your hard work, energy and enthusiasm this year. I am proud of the way you have worked together to pull through a tough year. I am really looking forward to seeing your commitment and determination continue into Year 9. Have a great summer, relax, have fun and enjoy whatever you plan to do. You're the best!

...Year 7

It has been a privilege to be Climate for Learning Leader for this amazing group of young people. They have had the most difficult transition and have shown amazing resilience at every hurdle. They are a polite and cheerful cohort and the positive feedback I get from their teachers is overwhelming! I know they are going to go on to great things in the future and I will be watching from the side lines and cheering them on. For the last time.... continue to work hard, respect yourselves and respect others. Mrs Edey.

...Sixth Form Matters

Well done to two of our Year 12 students who were successful in getting Sutton Trust Summer School places: Mia for English Literature and History at Edinburgh, and Issy for Pharmacy at Nottingham. Already at Nottingham University, former FHS student Isabelle continues to excel, working on the university's magazine editorial team and enjoying the amazing opportunity of interviewing Emily Maitlis, a renowned BBC journalist and Newsnight presenter. On 7 and 8 July, four Year 12



Physics students attended a virtual Summer School run by the University of Liverpool's Maths School. The students attended masterclasses from experts in Maths, Physics and Computer Science, and completed activities to prepare them for applying to elite universities. They spoke with admissions tutors,

improved their interview skills and had talks on completing UCAS personal statements. This STEM skill boost was great fun and highly engaging for all involved.

Our garden is going from strength to strength, and really blossoming under the care of Mrs Moxon and the Year 10 and 11 personalised curriculum and Year 8 Reaching High students, not to mention the added support of Gardening Club and a group of Year 9s! Collectively, they have successfully grown lettuces, strawberries, radish, courgettes, tomatoes and the delicious raspberries are on their way! The cabbages, carrots and pumpkins are all planted for later in year. The work hasn't stopped there with a freshly painted garden bench and installation of industrial cable reels for a seating area from where, hopefully soon, the wildflower seeds the students have sown and seed bombs that have been thrown into our wildflower meadow area will create a colourful view. Mrs Moxon sends a huge thank you to PR Howard Tree Surgeon for so generously donating all of the bark chippings to cover the seating and planter areas.



...Go Mr Brindley!

Inspired by his grandad, a code cracking Bletchley Park war hero who sent vital information to British agents working behind enemy lines, Mr Brindley will be tackling an extreme fitness challenge to raise funds for research into dementia next week. He will swim 2.4 miles, cycle 112 miles then run a 26.2 mile marathon, all in just one day, in a challenging triathlon! Mr Brindley has been accepted as part of the Alzheimer's Research UK fundraising team taking part in the Outlaw Triathlon at the National Water Sports Centre at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, on July 25. The event starts at sunrise with a swim, followed by the bike ride across Nottinghamshire and then the run around the city centre. He's aiming to raise at least £1,000 for [Alzheimer's Research UK](#), as his beloved



grandfather Charles suffered from dementia in his final years. Mr Brindley said, "It seemed a perfect way to honour his memory with this ultra triathlon and to help research into this awful condition. Dementia affects so many families; it's not just older people as I've become aware that people of any age can develop dementia and it is hard for their relatives. Dementia took away the opportunity to really say goodbye to my grandad. It affects families everyday. Alzheimer's Research UK is trying to find a cure to diseases that cause dementia so this doesn't keep happening." Mr Mackenzie said: "The story of Mr Brindley's family is one of courage, bravery and resilience, and he will need this in abundance when he completes the Outlaw triathlon. It is testament to Mr Brindley's character and his care for others that he is willing to take on this challenge and he has the backing of all the staff and students at Formby High School." If you want to get behind Mr B in this challenge, donations can be made via his [Just Giving page](#).



...Music for Youth Remix

MFY Remix 2021 had to move online again this year, but it didn't prevent celebrating the amazing submissions of young musical talent around the country! Music For Youth put together a [Video Wall](#) to show this year's submissions. FHS got a special review for their submission: Blinded by your African Grace (Mundo Afrika): *"Although there are so many talented people this year, I would have to say my favourite is Blinded By Your African Grace by Formby High School 'Mundo Afrika'. I love the way they have remixed two different cultures and their music into one song; I think it is highly effective. The editing of the piece and what they are wearing has been thoroughly thought about too which you can clearly see when watching and listening to it."* <https://www.mfy.org.uk/news/posts/young-reporter-my-top-picks-from-mfy-remix-2021-s-video-wall/>

...Miles Ahead Again!

More success, silverware and certificates for our runners this year as they raced ahead of the pack – congratulations to all our School Mile team and individual winners!



Alfie, Year 7



Year 7 Boys Winners



Sydney, Year 7



Year 8 Girls Winners

...We're simply glowing with pride!

You will recall on Friday 9 July we held a non-uniform fundraising day in support of the Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust 'Big Tiny Steps Appeal'. More specifically, the funds raised will go towards developing the Neonatal Unit and the whole school went fully 'Neon for Neonatal'. Thank you to everyone for their support in raising a fantastic £605.42 for this amazing cause!



...Plastic Pause for Thought

Well done to our Reaching High students from Year 7 and Year 8 who did a massive sweep of the school fields after lunchtime on Thursday to collect plastic bottle tops. This project was to try to illustrate to the school community the extent of small pieces of plastic waste and its harm to our school community and the environment.



...End of term

Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 20 July when students have been asked to arrive in school for 11:15am. With field events and Olympics-themed tutor lessons before lunch followed by the big Sports Day race events in the afternoon, it promises to be an energetic day! On the last day of term, Wednesday 21 July, we will be holding celebration assemblies together before we part for the summer. Years 7/8 will be asked to arrive in school at normal time (8:55am) and will be dismissed at 11:15am. Year 9 have been asked to arrive at 10am and will be dismissed at midday.

To all our school community, thank you for your support this year and we wish you all a happy, safe and sunny summer holiday!

On the Horizon...

★ Sports Day – Tue 20 Jul (11:15am – 3pm)

★ Celebration Assemblies – 21 Jul